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SUBJECT: US-CANADIAN STUDY OF BEAVER CREEK

1. THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ARE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING WITH THE APPROPRIATE CANADIAN OFFICIALS THE POSSIBILITY OF PRESERVING THE PRESENT UNDEVELOPED STATE OF BEAVER CREEK, A STREAM FLOWING BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE ALASKA-YUKON BOUNDARY. INITIAL THINKING WOULD INVOLVE DESIGNATING THE US PORTIONS OF BEAVER CREEK AS A WILD RIVER, PURSUANT TO THE WILD AND SENIC RIVERS ACT, WITH SIMILAR COORDINATED PROTECTION TO BE GIVEN BY CANADA FOR ITS SEGMENTS OF THE STREAM.

2. INTERIOR WOULD LIKE TO INVITE A SMALL PARTY OF APPROPRIATE CANADIAN OFFICIALS TO PARTICIPATE IN A CANOE SURVEY AND FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE CREEK BEGINNING IN LATE JUNE.
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3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN ENVIRONMENT CANADA AND/OR DINA TO PROPOSE SUCH A SURVEY.

4. FYI ONLY ON MAY 1 THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE WROTE DINA MINISTER

FAULKNER WITH A SIMILAR PROPOSAL. EMBASSY'S APPROACH TO DINA IS DESIGNED TO PUT THE REQUEST BACK IN THE MORE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CHANNELS. END FYI.

5. IN VIEW OF RELATIVELY SHORT LEAD TIME EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CABLE THE CANADIAN RESPONSE. VANCE

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